

Spring weather is always unpredictable. Please check the local weather forecast before you leave home and prepare to join us rain or shine for two days of fun and learning about the natural and cultural beauties of Standing Stone State Park. Other items to consider for an enjoyable day/night at the park: comfortable, but sturdy shoes/boots, comfortable clothes, sunscreen, flashlight, jacket, water, field guides, binoculars, food, and snacks.

Also making an appearance will be the Tennessee State Parks’ traveling 75th anniversary exhibit, which hit the road last year to tour state parks and various communities – sharing Tennessee State Parks’ rich and storied history. Enclosed in a colorful trailer emblazoned with various images and logos, the exhibit interprets the origins and heritage of Tennessee’s state park system. The Tennessee State Parks’ traveling 75th anniversary exhibit will be on site throughout the day on Saturday.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 12th

5:30 P.M.	Registration / Welcome: Registration is open all evening at the Recreational Hall.
6:00 P.M.	SNAKES ALIVE! Snakes of Tennessee: Uncover the secrets behind some of Tennessee’s most misunderstood creatures and find out what makes snakes super! Join Ray Jordan, Retired Professor of Herpetology from Tennessee Technological University, for a live, first-hand look at some of Tennessee’s most exceptional creatures. Indoors at the Park Recrea-tional Hall.
7:00 P.M.	LIVE! Birds of Prey: Be sure to come early for this workshop! This LIVE presentation on birds of prey is hosted by David Haggard, Tennessee State Parks’ West Tennessee Re-gional Interpretive Specialist and is sure to fill up fast. David will showcase an American Bald Eagle and various birds of prey and demonstrate each bird’s unique abilities. David will also discuss birds of prey adaptations, predator/prey relationships, specific characteristics, natural histories, and the personal histories of each bird. Indoors at the Park Recreational Hall.
8:00 P.M.	LIVE! Creatures of the Night: Our Nocturnal “Creatures of the Night” program features animals who survive and thrive in the darkness! This LIVE animal presentation is hosted by Bob Tarter, with the Natural History Educational Company of the Midsouth. Bob will discuss how they hunt, avoid being hunted, their diets and their habitat. Other discussions will include our impact on their environment and the importance of conservation. Animals are expected to include a Bobcat, Raccoon, Opossum, Bat, Armadillo, and a 3-toed Amphiuma. Indoors at the Park Recreational Hall.

Saturday, April 13th

6:30 A.M.	Registration: Registration and information booth is open all day at the Recreational Hall.
7:00 A.M.	Early Birding: Spring is a great time to see and hear birds, as they are in full song and the leaves are not yet fully out on the trees. Join John Froeschauer, Tennessee State Parks’ Mid-dle Tennessee Regional Interpretive Specialist on an early morning walk through the park to look and listen for early arriving migrant and resident birds. Meet at Shelter #1 and be prepared for a possible carpool to a site(s) of John’s choice.
8:00 A.M.	Wildflower Photography Workshop with Jack Carman: Would you like to take home your memories of Standing Stone’s beautiful wildflowers? Join Jack Carman, renowned for his wildflower photography, for a photo field session. Jack Carman is the recipient of numerous photography awards and noted author of Wildflowers of Tennessee, Tennessee’s first color photographic field guide. Jack will provide helpful hints on how to capture the beauty of wildflowers with photography, a must for wildflower devotees. Meet at the Park Rec-reational Hall.
9:00 A.M.	Rambling for Wildflowers: Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee State Naturalist, will lead us on a fun and enlightening look at the park’s beautiful wildflowers. Remember, wild plants and flowers are protected in the Park, so please don’t pick the flowers! Meet at Shelter #1 and carpool to the Overton Lodge for a very easy roadside hike that is great for anyone that wants to participate.
10:00 A.M.	Exotic Species Seminar: Natural resource managers consider invasive species one of the biggest threats to the health of natural habitats. Our native plants and trees have lost space, nutrients, water, and sunlight to invasive plants. Active control of these plants is necessary to keep parks a refuge for native plants and animals. Join Steve Ward, Park Manager at Radnor Lake State Park, to learn about these problem plants and how to remove them. We’ll start inside with a short training session on identification and control techniques then fin-ish outdoors for some hands on work in nature’s laboratory. Meet at the Park Recreational Hall.
10:00 A.M.	Annual Wildflower Walk: Come view some of the most beautiful native wildflower species in Standing Stone State Park. Join Ray Jordan, Retired Professor of Biology at Tennessee Technological University, and a host of other wildflower enthusiast for the annual wildflower walk. This is a rugged hike to view these springtime gems. Bring your field guide. Meet at Shelter #1.
10:00 A.M.	Fishing Program for Kids: The Cleveland State Community College Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be hosting a kids fishing event on Standing Stone (Kelly) Lake. Bait and fishing rods will be provided for attendees. We encourage kids with and without fishing experience to attend. Adult supervision will be provided. Meet at the Park Office and carpool to a premier fishing location along Beach Road (near the Overton Lodge).
11:00 A.M.	Wild Edible Plants: Prickly pear jelly. Yum! Persimmon cake. Yum! Is your mouth watering yet? Sample some foods from the forest and learn about edible plants with naturalist/author/wild foods expert Sharen Bracy. Meet indoors at the Park’s Tea Room.
12:00 P.M.	Lunch: Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy our good nature.
12:30 P.M.	Birds of Prey: David Haggard, the Tennessee State Parks’ West Tennessee Regional Interpretive Specialist, is making a return visit to provide visitors with the rare opportunity to see these majestic creatures from just a few feet away. David will showcase an American Bald Eagle and various birds of prey and discuss each bird’s unique abilities. Meet indoors at the Park Recreation Hall.
12:30 P.M.	Wildflower Hike along the Standing Stone Lake Trail: Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee State Naturalist, will lead us on a 4 – 5 mile hike through Standing Stone State Park to enjoy the beauty and wildflower diversity along the rich slopes of the Standing Stone Lake Trail. Although the terrain and hike are moderate, participants should expect some narrow trails, uneven terrain, and be able to walk the entire distance. Wear sturdy shoes and bring snacks and water. Meet at Shelter #1.
2:00 P.M.	Wildflower’s of Tennessee: Tennessee hosts a beautiful variety of wildflowers and Standing Stone is home to many of these lovely specimens. Join Jack Carman, renowned wild-flower photographer, for a look at his collection of Tennessee’s most precious gems. Jack is the author of Wildflowers of Tennessee, Tennessee’s first full color photographic field guide. Within the pages of Wildflowers of Tennessee, more than 780 color photographs are included of our local favorites and many less known varieties. Signed copies of Wildflow-ers of Tennessee will be on sale during this program. Meet indoors at Park Recreational Hall.
2:00 P.M.	Dazzling Butterfly Hike: Come with John Froeschauer, Tennessee State Parks’ Middle Tennessee Regional Interpretive Specialist on a walk to learn about the various types of butter-flies inhabiting Standing Stone State Park. Meet at Shelter #1 and be prepared for a possible carpool to a site(s) of John’s choice.
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3:00 P.M.	Edible Plants Hike: The woods of Standing Stone State Park are full of many tasty treats! Join naturalist/author/wild foods expert Sharen Bracy as she takes you for a walk to look for edible plants in the Park. Meet at the Park’s Tea Room.
4:00 P.M.	CCC and Tennessee State Parks: Known as Roosevelt’s Tree Army, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) is credited with having an enormous impact on many national and state parks. What was life like in a CCC camp? What did these young men do that was so important and enduring? Join Dr. Philip Smartt, Associate Professor of Natural Resource Manage-ment at the University of Tennessee at Martin, for a one of a kind program that looks at the history of the CCC and pays particular attention to the influence on Tennessee State Parks. The role of other related New Deal programs will also be discussed. Meet indoors at the Park Recreational Hall.
4:00 P.M.	Herp. Search: Come along with Robert Brewer, Biology Associate Professor at Cleveland State Community College, on an upland herp search. We will turn logs and rocks and inves-tigate woodland pools looking for reptiles and amphibians in the out of the way places. Hopefully we will find some woodland salamanders, frogs and toads, and if we are lucky maybe a few snake species few people ever see. Meet at Shelter #1 and be prepared for a possible carpool to a site(s) of Robert’s choice.
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6:15 P.M.	Dinner: A small dinner, provided by Standing Stone State Park and the Friends of Standing Stone, will be available at the Park Tea Room. Meals are limited and on a first come first serve basis. Options include pulled pork, hotdogs, veggie burgers and sides of chips, vinegar slaw, baked beans, cookies, and tea or water. The meal will be provided at no charge, but the Friends of Standing Stone will be accepting donations.
7:30 P.M.	The Secrets of Tennessee Wildflowers: Join Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee State Naturalist, as he will present a delightful feast of beautiful wildflower photographs and share little known facts, folklore, history, stories, and uses of our Tennessee natives. This presentation is a must for the wildflower enthusiast! Meet indoors at the Park Recreational Hall.